

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 54-55 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 51, 52, and 53 as follows:

1. (Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
a supporting structure; and
an enhanced-surface-area electrically conductive ruthenium-containing layer situated on
the supporting structure, the ruthenium-containing layer having a non-textured surface adjacent
the supporting structure and a textured surface with a mean feature size of at least about 100
Angstroms opposite the non-textured surface.

2. (Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
a supporting structure; and
an enhanced-surface-area electrically conductive nitrogen-passivated ruthenium-
containing layer situated on the supporting structure, the ruthenium-containing layer having a
non-textured surface adjacent the supporting structure and a textured surface with a mean feature
size of at least about 100 Angstroms opposite the non-textured surface.

3. (Amended) An integrated circuit comprising:
a supporting structure; and
an enhanced-surface-area electrically conductive nitrogen-passivated and oxygen-
passivated ruthenium-containing layer situated on the supporting structure, the ruthenium-
containing layer having a non-textured surface adjacent the supporting structure and a textured
surface with a mean feature size of at least about 100 Angstroms opposite the non-textured
surface.

Please add the following new claims: